

Old Fourth Ward Master Plan

Part 5: Public Involvement



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Public input was solicited throughout the master planning process by a variety of means, including mailings, e-mail, a web page, personal interviews, workshops, and public meetings held in several venues. Announcements about the public involvement process were distributed to neighborhood residents by mail, local media, and announcements at Neighborhood Planning Unit meetings. This process lasted from October 2007 to August of 2008.

Public Meetings

Neighborhood residents and other stakeholders were given the opportunity to contribute at a variety of public meetings and workshops. These varied from large public gatherings at which information was presented to more informal breakout sessions in which participants discussed and worked on maps to identify key issues within the study area.

Following creation of the draft plan, meetings were held to provide a public review opportunity. After each meeting the plan was modified based on comments received. Meetings included a public draft plan presentation on July 17, 2008, an NPU M Land Use Committee meeting on August 11, 2008, a second plan presentation on August 12, 2008, and a final NPU M General Meeting presentation on August 25, 2008, at which the plan was approved unanimously by its members.

Advisory Committee

An advisory committee with members from neighborhood and neighborhood planning unit leadership, condominium associations, city government and the Bureau of Planning, a business association, an architect, a church, and others assisted during the planning process.

The goal of the advisory committee was to represent the community at large, ensure that the plan truly represented the community, help define the goals and vision, ensure that the plan addressed issues that are special or unique to the neighborhood, review upcoming meeting agendas, and comment on plan documents.



Public meetings kept residents and constituents informed and allowed them to contribute to the plan



A series of workshops allowed those with an interest in the Old Fourth Ward to help shape its future



The project web site, maintained by the Bureau of Planning, provided meeting dates and other relevant plan information

Working Groups

Special working groups were established as a sub-section of the Advisory Committee to provide detailed guidance on specific issues, including sustainability, public safety, and education. Their recommendations were incorporated into the master planning effort. Many of the recommendations in Part 4 are the direct result of their efforts.

Master Plan Website

A web page maintained by the city provided information throughout the planning process, including meeting dates and locations, relevant documents, news briefs, and a dedicated e-mail address for requesting additional information. A special form on the website also allowed interested parties to be added to the postal mailing list to receive information and meeting notices.

